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IN PARLIAMENT.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT.

MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT.

COLOURLESS IN TONE.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The message presented to the French Senate and the Chamber of Deputies by M. Loubet, the new President, is colourless in tone. He urges tolerance and concord, and eulogises the Army and republicanism.

THE LATE PRESIDENT.

FAURE.

VIEWING THE BODY.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The public was yesterday for the first time allowed to view the body of the late President Faure, which was embalmed and is lying in State at the Elysee. The visitors numbered 60,000. The funeral will take place on Wednesday.

THE STORMS IN THE ATLANTIC.

OVERDUE VESSELS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

On account of the recent storms in the Atlantic 15 steamers are now overdue. The Bulgaria, which a week ago was reported to be in a sinking condition, some of her passengers having been shipwrecked, has been re-sighted at a percentage of 85 guineas.

THE FAR EAST.

CRITICAL SITUATION AT PEKIN.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

A Reuters telegram states that the situation at Peking is exceedingly critical owing to the disagreement between the Chinese Government and the British Consul-General, Mr. Lay, regarding the proposed extension of the railway from Tientsin to Beijing.

THE PHILIPPINES.

AMERICAN TROOPS SUFFERING FROM FEVER AND DYSENTERY.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The American troops at Manila are suffering from the effects of the heat, and many are down with fever and dysentery. The troops are also harassed by the guerrilla tactics of the Filipinos.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN.

MISSION.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The members of the Anglo-American Commission differ chiefly upon the questions of the lumber trade and the Alaskan boundary. They agreed to proceed to arbitration upon the Alaskan boundary, but were unable to agree as to the appointment of an umpire.

HERR ANDREAS EXPEDITION.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Search parties sent out by the Governor of the province of Yeniseik, Eastern Siberia, have failed to confirm the story of the Tungusas as to the finding of the remains of Herr Andreas's expedition.

THE AMERICAN PAULISTS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Pope in a letter to Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, condemns the doctrine held by Father Licker, the founder of the American Paulists.

A DIVORCE SUIT.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Sir J. G. Barnes, Judge of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Court, has granted to Mr. D'Arcy Lambton a decree nisi for a divorce from his wife, formerly an actress in Australia. Costs were given against the co-respondent, Berridge.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Nine thousand quarters of wheat, February shipment, and 8000 quarters to be shipped in three weeks have been sold at 28s 1/4 per quarter. Nine thousand quarters, just shipped, for 28s 3/4. All three cargoes are Victorian wheat.

ANTWERP WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

At the Antwerp wool sales yesterday 1751 bales were offered, of which 422 bales were sold. There was little animation. The January prices were barely maintained.

COUNTRY CRICKET QUALIFICATION.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Marylebone Cricket Club Committee has decided that from January 1900 cricketers qualifying for a county must have lived in the county for two years. It was also resolved that the practice adopted at present, of merely hiring a tenement, is insufficient qualification.

THE TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

At the weekly sales by auction of Australian tallow to-day 850 casks were offered, of which 625 casks were sold. Mutton, fine, realised 28s 6d; mutton, medium, 28s 6d; beef, fine 28s 6d; beef, medium, 28s 6d.

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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY ADOPTED.

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ELECTION FOR LANARKSHIRE.

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An election took place yesterday for the seat for North-West Lanarkshire in the House of Commons. The candidates were Mr. G. Holburn (Liberal and Labour) and Mr. Douglas (Liberal). Mr. Douglas was elected by a majority of 359.

DEATH OF SIR GEORGE BOWEN.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G., who was the first Governor of Queensland, and Governor successively of New Zealand and Victoria, aged 78.

FIRE AT WEST MAITLAND.

A fire broke out at West Maitland, New South Wales, on Tuesday night. The fire was caused by a gas stove. The loss was estimated at £1000.

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SECOND EDITION.

SILVER.

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FEDERATION.

THE SPECIAL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE COUNCIL.

Members of the Legislative Council at 2.30 p.m., on the motion of Mr. G. H. Murray, moved that the House be adjourned until the next day.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The PRESIDENT reported the presentation of the address, to which his Excellency had given the following reply:—I am with you in your expression of continued loyalty and attachment to the Throne and person of the King.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

The Legislative Assembly met at 3.30 p.m., and the debate on the address was continued.

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